

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1465

Introduced by Assembly Member Bordonaro

February 28, 1997

An act to amend Sections 19606.3 and 19606.4 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horseracing, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1465, as introduced, Bordonaro. Purses.

Existing law continuously appropriates up to 10% of all revenues distributed to racing associations for payment to the state as license fees from satellite wagering facilities located at fairs in the northern zone to the Department of Food and Agriculture for supplementing purses at fair meetings in order to accomplish certain goals. Existing law requires the department to annually determine the percentage of revenues necessary to accomplish those goals.

This bill would appropriate 10%, instead of up to 10%, of all revenues distributed to racing associations for payment to the state as license fees from satellite wagering facilities located at fairs in the northern zone to the department, would eliminate the duty of the department to annually determine the percentage of revenues necessary to accomplish those goals, and would provide that any funds remaining after meeting those goals shall be used at fair meetings in the northern zone as additional purses. By increasing the amount of funds continuously appropriated, and by expanding the

purposes for which continuously appropriated funds may be expended, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19606.3 of the Business and
2 Professions Code is amended to read:

3 19606.3. ~~Up to 10~~ *Ten* percent of all revenues
4 distributed to racing associations for payment to the state
5 as license fees from satellite wagering facilities located at
6 fairs in the northern zone shall be deposited in a special
7 account in the fund and, notwithstanding Section 13340
8 of the Government Code, are hereby continuously
9 appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture
10 for supplementing purses at fair meetings to achieve the
11 purposes of Section 19606.4. ~~The department shall~~
12 ~~annually determine the percentage of revenues payable~~
13 ~~to the special account under this section based on the~~
14 ~~amount necessary to achieve the purposes of Section~~
15 ~~19606.4.~~

16 SEC. 2. Section 19606.4 of the Business and
17 Professions Code is amended to read:

18 19606.4. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds
19 allocated pursuant to Section 19606.3 be used primarily at
20 fair racing meetings in the northern zone with a daily
21 average handle of more than three hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$300,000). The Legislature further finds that its
23 intent is that these allocations be used to bring the purses
24 at these fairs, exclusive of purses for stakes races and
25 special events, to a level of at least 80 percent of purses for
26 similar classes of horses at private associations in the
27 northern zone. The funds shall be used among all breeds.
28 For fair racing meetings in the northern zone with a daily
29 average handle of three hundred thousand dollars
30 (\$300,000) or less, it is the intent of the Legislature to
31 bring the purses to a level of at least 25 percent of purses
32 for similar classes of horses at private associations in the
33 northern zone. *Any funds remaining after meeting the*

- 1 *requirements of this section shall be used at fair meetings*
- 2 *in the northern zone as additional purses.*

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